

Lempster, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

**Sullivan
Newport NH LMA
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Upper Valley/Lake Sunapee
Capital Regional Development Council**

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

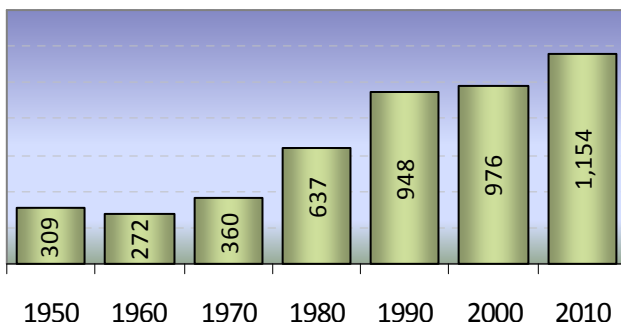
**District 2
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District 8
Sullivan County District 4**

Incorporated: 1761

Origin: This territory was originally granted in 1735 by Massachusetts Governor Belcher as Number 9, the ninth in a line of forts established to guard against Indian attacks. It was regranted in 1753 by Governor Benning Wentworth under the name Dupplin, after Sir Thomas Hay, Lord Dupplin of Scotland, who had been in charge of the settlement of Nova Scotia. The town was granted yet again in 1761 as Lempster, named for Sir Thomas Fermor of Lempster, England, who was a Wentworth relation. Settlers were not able to meet the prescribed terms, so a regranted charter was issued in 1767. By 1770 only eight families had settled there, and a charter extension was requested of and issued by Governor John Wentworth in 1772.

Villages and Place Names: Dodge Hollow, East Lempster, Keyes Hollow

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 415 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Lempster totaled 882 over 50 years, from 272 in 1960 to 1,154 in 2010. The largest decennial percent change was a 77 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 49 percent increase over the next decade. The 2010 Census estimate for Lempster was 1,154 residents, which ranked 178th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 35.7 persons per square mile of land area. Lempster contains 32.4 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2010-2011	\$932,236
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Zoning Ordinance	No Board
Master Plan	2003
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Checklist; Trust Funds
Appointed:	Conservation

Public Library **Miner Memorial**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Sullivan County Sheriff
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Valley Regional, Claremont	15 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Limited
	Residential Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2011 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.96
2011 Equalization Ratio	100.0
2011 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.24

2011 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	67.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	29.8%

HOUSING (ACS 2006-2010)

Total Housing Units	631
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	544
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	17
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	70

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2010	1,154	43,742
2000	97	40,560
1990	948	38,652
1980	637	36,063
1970	360	30,949

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2006-2010

Population by Gender		
Male	569	Female 590

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	49
Age 5 to 19	259
Age 20 to 34	120
Age 35 to 54	490
Age 55 to 64	107
Age 65 and over	134
Median Age	41.0 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	88.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	23.9%

INCOME, 2010 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2006-2010)

Per capita income	\$25,222
Median 4-person family income	\$60,938
Median household income	\$55,577

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$47,365
Female	\$31,923

Families below the poverty level	10.9%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average	2001	2011
Civilian labor force	550	544
Employed	536	514
Unemployed	14	30
Unemployment rate	2.5%	5.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2001	2011
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	24	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 545	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	19	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 442	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	43	53
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 500	\$ 815
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	9	61
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 177	\$ 587
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	52	114
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 444	\$ 694

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

(NH Dept. of Education)

Schools students attend: **Grades K-8 are part of Goshen-Lempster Cooperative (Goshen, Lempster); grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Newport, Sunapee, Kearsarge, Keene, Fall Mountain, or Claremont** District: **SAU 71**

Career Technology Center(s): **Sugar River Valley Technical Center, Newport or Claremont** Region: **10**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	158			

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing): Total Facilities: 1 Total Capacity: 30

Nearest Community/Technical College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Colby-Sawyer; New England**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Jolly Roger Moto-Sports Park	Seasonal motor sports park	6	1996
Lempster Wind, LLC	Wind farm	4-6	2008
Sturgeon's General Store	Convenience store	2-3	2008
Ashuelot Valley Outdoor	Small Engine repair & sales	1-2	2006

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	10
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-91 (VT), Exit 7	
Distance	18 miles	
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Parlin Field, Newport	Runway	3,450 ft. asphalt
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	38 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		49 miles
Portland, Maine		143 miles
Boston, Mass.		108 miles
New York City, NY		242 miles
Montreal, Quebec		226 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(ACS 2006-2010)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	78.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.9%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	2.9%
Other means	2.0%
Worked at home	10.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work	30.7 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2006-2010

Working in community of residence	18.2%
Commuting to another NH community	70.3%
Commuting out-of-state	11.5%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Mount Sunapee**

Other: